

THE
T E S T I M O N I E S
Of several

Citizens of Fickleborough,
In the Kingdom of
FAIRY-LAND,
Concerning the Life and Character of

Robert Hush,
Commonly called,

B O B.

To which are prefixed,
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M E M O I R S

Of the L I F E of,

Charity Hush, the Grandfather,

A N D O F

Oliver Hush, the Father of the said Bob.

*Agitur enim Nihil aliud, Quirites, quam ut Nullum sit
posthac in Republica Publicum Concilium, Nulla Bono-
rum Consensio contra Improborum Furorem & Audaciam,
Nullum extremis Reipublica Temporibus Perfugium &
Prasidium salutis.*

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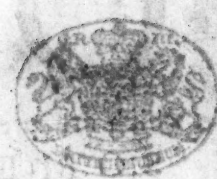
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SOME
MEMOIRS
Of the LIFE of
Charity Husb, &c.

THOSE who would asperse the Reputation of the *Editor* of the Letters from *Bob Husb* to the *King of Slave-onia*, have insinuated they were false and spurious, and it was an Injury to the Reader, to persuade him they were Pieces of Antiquity, when entirely of his own Forging. I cannot, I must confess, but do him the Justice to determine in his Favour; there are such *Marks and Moles of Antiquity*, as a certain *Critic* expresses himself, as admit of no Dispute; and whoever compares the Style and Way of Thinking of the Letters with his *Colloquies*, or any other of his *Works*, must conclude, it is highly impossible he should write them.

What has occasioned these Surmises, is the Character *Bob Husb* has given of *Fairy-Land*, which, according to the best Authors, always bore a Reputation for Arms and Valour, for Justice and Integrity; however, about the Age those Letters were composed, it was divided into Faction, and sunk into all the Evil Principles and Practices, the Effects of it.

In Order therefore to unravel these Doubts, I have examined the Records and Remains of *Fairy-Land*, to learn, if possible, something concerning the Life and Character of *Bob Husb*; and the Reader, I hope, may be satisfied by the following *Testimonies*, as *Authentic* as *Suidas*, that it is by no Means strange, that any one should pass so many Reflections upon the Government and Administration of his Native Country, who had been every Way so Obnoxious to it. We could not indeed have expected a more favourable Account from the Pen of such a *prostituted Author*, who had transacted all the Villanies he describes, and as his Actions were all Rebellion and Conspiracy, so his Writings could be nothing less than Calumny and Detraction.

His Ancestors had all along created a great Uneasiness to the Government, as well by their Whims and Inconsistencies,

a Spice of Madness in their Temper, as by the Treasons and Rebellions they fomented. Among the Doctrines delivered by *Charity Husb*, the Grandfather, for so I find him more than once called, the Doctrine of Marriage may serve to give a Specimen of the Wildness and Extravagance of his Notions. He was of Opinion, That no Marriages were so proper, as those between a White Man and a Black Woman; that the *Tawney* was the only Complexion of Salvation, and to be either quite White or quite Black, was Sinful and Profane. Upon this Principle, he entered into the State of Matrimony, and had his Son *Oliver*, the Father of our Author. 'Tis recorded, it rejoiced him exceedingly, when he perceived the Boy was of a true *Tawney*; and that he had a Way of Feeling some where about his Ears, whether of the *Elect* or *Reprobate*, a Cant peculiar to those Times.

The Papers give a more distinct Account of this *Oliver*, and too large to be inserted in the Compass of my Design. He valued himself upon Nothing so much as his *Round Head* and *Pease-Porridge Complexion*, which he would call a *Godly* and *Peculiar* Colour, the outward Sign of Meekness and *Moderation*. And as he exceeded any *Footman* in making *Faces*, and indecent *Gesticulations*, so he would speak the
Words,

Words, *Regeneration* and *Salvation*, through the Nose, in so melodious, tho' with such a solemn Twang and Accent, and play such a Variety of Notes upon it, that it was preferred to any other Instrument of Musick; and in the Language of *Fairy-Land*, received the Appellation of, *The Living Organ*. The Original of this Musick is indeed as Antient, as an *Harvest-Home* or a *Country Wake*, and before the Time of *Thespis* or *Susario*, but never arrived to such a Degree of Perfection as in the Age of *Oliver*, nor received so general an Approbation: Nay, in such Esteem, for several Years after, say the Records, were Noses among the *Fairy-landers*, that nothing was more common, than to hear them Drink, to the *Pious Memory* of the Nose that saved them.

Oliver's Notions relating to the Imperfections of Human Nature were Uncommon and Unaccountable. If ever he saw a Fellow of an odd Look, a crumpled Back, a squinting Eye, or a bandy Leg, he never failed of pronouncing him, his *Brother* and *Fellow-Labourer*. He went, as 'tis supposed, upon this Maxim, That *all Perfection proceeded from Imperfection*; which he would also apply to Ecclesiastical and Civil Government, seeming always to have the greatest Inclination to that Government, which was the most *Imperfect* and *Deformed*.

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He confuted the Opinion of those *Philosophers*, who had placed the Residence of the Soul in the *Glandula Pinealis*, or any other Part of the Brain, bringing several Reasons to prove, That it could be seated no where but in the Second Bone of the *Tarsus*, which the Anatomists call, *Calcaneum*, or *Os Calcis*; and although, he said, he was against the Idolatry of Kissing, yet, if it was in the least Lawful, the *Heel* rather than the *Toe*, should be Saluted. It was upon these Principles he argued, That Human Nature was reversed, and every Man ought to Walk upon his Hands: That the Constitution of *Fairy-Land* had got the Cholick, and the only Cure was to stand upon its Head: That none could see Heaven, but by turning the Heels upward; a laudable Method we have among us of shewing Children, *London*. So frequently and so industriously had he inculcated these Notions into the Minds of the weak and ignorant, that they began to Increase daily, and were distinguished into the Sects of *Rope-Dancers*, *Tumblers*, *Seekers of a New Light*, and a Thousand other different Names; but in Process of Time United into one common Party, under the Name of Men of R——on Principles.

I should not have been so Particular in my Account of this Family, but to convince

vince my Reader of several Things in the following Testimonies, which would have been scarcely Credible, had not the *Hereditary* Temper derived to *Bob Husb* from his Ancestors, together with an Education in their Principles, and his own Improvements in the Point of Practice and Politicks, been a sufficient Confirmation of them.

Some Time after his Father's Death, we find the Papers mention the several Steps he took, and the Artifices he made Use of to gain an absolute Command, *during Life*, over the *Fairy-landers*; but because it will be too tedious, and exceed the Bounds I have proposed, to recount all the Circumstances there contained, I shall content myself in relating such as are the most remarkable, and which the *Testimonies* are altogether Silent in.

Had he lived in our Time, he had produced the best Arguments for the Infallibility of the Pope, and the Doctrine of Transubstantiation: He claimed not only an Authority over the Persons, but over the Minds of all his Party, and by persuading they were a free People, reduced them to a more absolute State of Slavery than ever the King of *Slave-onia* exercised over any of his Subjects. Liberty and Property were Words of equal Signification with Ty-

Tyranny and Arbitrary Government; and *Free-Thinking* was a Term for Believing every Thing that was Inconsistent. Thus the Idea's and the Names of Things were huddled together without Distinction, to amuse the People, and bring them to believe Any thing or Nothing as he pleased.

I find but one Dispute between *Bob* and his Party, which was, when they met together, whether they should go by the Name of a Convention, a Congregation, a Conventicle, or a Parliament. It was carried, with much ado, for the word Convention, for as *Bob* asserted, by innumerable Quotations out of *Dictionaries*, and other *Learned Authors*, that notwithstanding a Convention appeared like a Man without an Head, yet the best Philosophers who had discoursed concerning the Perfection of our Species would allow, That a Man might be a Man though his Head had *Abdicated* his Body.

This Assertion, however false, appeared to be the Depth of Reasoning, and the Effects of profound Reading, and raised throughout the whole Assembly such an Admiration of his Parts, that he had now an Opportunity of more successfully pursuing his Designs: And in a little Time, he engaged them at a General Convention, by a Solemn League or Covenant, under

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the Name of an Association, to believe whatsoever He or his Family ever had said, was about to say, or ever should say. Hence arose the Sect of the true Believers, with Bob at the Head of them, Infallible, whether sitting in a Chair, or standing upon the Stage Itinerant; and to be believed under Pain of Excommunication, though in Contradiction to all the Senses; Who had the Power of Absolution to that Degree, that he could Absolve the Eye from Seeing, the Ear from Hearing, or any other of the Senses from performing their proper Functions; or, if he saw Occasion, could give them the Faculty of the Second Sight, of seeing Things that were Invisible. An Honest Man was a Rogue to serve a Turn in the Twinckling of an Eye, and a Villain who had been Guilty of the most Notorious Murders and Debaucheries, a Man of Honour.

The most remarkable Precepts he had enjoined his Party to believe, I find to be, That a Minister of State was Invulnerable, and it was Impossible he could be Killed by a Pistol or a Pen-Knife; but that it was much easier to run a Plenipotentiary through the Guts, in Case it was done by his Match, or in another Country. That a Man who was killed in a Duel might run his Antagonist through the Body after he was Dead. That if a Peer
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of *Fairy-Land* went by Water, he ought to be Rowed by his own *Footmen*; Or if he had his Eyes in his Head at an *Opera*, he deserved to be executed for a Traytor. These, I say, and several such like Precepts, were Subscribed to as Articles of their *Faith* by the Men of R-----on Principles; and whoever had the Confidence to Dispute any One of them was branded as an Enemy to the Government.

Mahomet never invented so many Stratagems to gain the People as our Author. I have omitted a large Relation, of the Way he had of discovering a Bastard, by a Piece of Conjurat[i]on more Infallible than the *Sive and Sheers*; and proving him again *Legitimate* by *Tryal*; as also, how he cured his Neighbours who had swallowed a Warming-Pan entire, by applying a Paper-Char[m] to the Pit of the Stomach, which operated by Vomit, and in which were written the following Unintelligible Letters, in a large Character, *I. A. B. J. U. R. E.* not unlike the *Abracadabra* of *Basilides*.

I cannot but take Notice of one Circumstance before I conclude, which may serve to shew to what an Height of Folly, Ambition or Success may raise a Man. *Bob*, it seems, was mightily addicted to breaking Wind backwards, and nothing

could offend him more, than to see the Uneasiness it gave his Adversaries. Accordingly he took Occasion, the next Time the Convention met, to acquaint them, That notwithstanding he often broke Wind, yet he never perceived any Smell attended it. This immediately was admitted into their Belief, and propagated throughout the whole Kingdom with all the Industry imaginable. It was the Discourse of the Ladies over their Tea, and debated every where; all the Party attesting the Truth of it with their usual Modesty. A *Chymist*, who wrote in his Defence, affirmed publickly, That breaking Wind, being nothing else but a *Volatile Spirit* extracted from the *Vital Sulphur* of the *Zibetham Occidentale*, wherein consisted the *Essence of Life*, and the *Virtual Powers of all Being*, a Mystery not to be comprehended by *Lower Intelligences*, it was impossible the *Olfactories* should be attacked by any *fatid* or *putrid Effluvia*.

The Majority of the Nation, who for a long Time together had tamely submitted to the Usurpations of *Bob Husb*, were now no longer to be deluded by the *Cant of Chymistry and Enthusiasm*, but resolved to Assert the Prerogative of their Senses; and several who had been led Blindfold by him had their Eyes opened.

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The new Doctrine of *Odorific Effluvia* was every where Exploded and Condemned, to the great Mortification of *declining Bob*, who either because he could not gain his Point, or because the *Testimonies* about that Time exhibited against him, might endanger either his Life or his Estate, or for some other Reasons best known to himself, left the Kingdom of *Fairy-Land*. Thus Sneaked off that Champion of his Cause, who for so many Years together had been the Discourse of the whole World, into a sort of voluntary Banishment, to the Ruin of his Party, and the Joy of all good Men, declaring publicly, He left his Country because he was not *treated according to his Merit* ; when in reality it was because he could not prevail upon them to believe, *he smelt Sweet*.

This is the Conclusion of the Papers I have by me ; what became afterwards of our Author is uncertain, though it is probable he was *executed* : In the mean time, it is apparent, that notwithstanding the Letters are Genuine, and were written undoubtedly by *Bob Husb*, about the Time of his Banishment, yet the Matter contained in them concerning the Government of *Fairy-Land*, is so far from being to be relied on, that it can be looked upon as the Product only of Malice and Revenge, or the Suggestions of a Mad-Man or Desperado. There

There is one Thing observable, how excellently well calculated the word, *Testimonies*, are for the Taste of the Present Age, *Depositions* have bore so ill a Character for these Twenty four or twenty five Years last past, That a Man of common Sense would scarce be brought to give them any Credit: And we may learn, from what has been said concerning the Alteration of the Sense of Words, That the same Thing under a different Vehicle of Expression, may be swallowed and received as Sacred, that was before rejected as ridiculous and Absurd.

ment, to the R. Men, declaring publicly, Joy of all good Men, because he was not He left his Country because he was not treated according to his Merit: when in reality it was because he could not prevail upon them to believe, he was a Jew.

This is the Conclusion of the Papers I have by me; what became afterwards of one Author is uncertain, though it is probable he was executed: In the mean time, it is apparent, that notwithstanding the Letters are Genuine, and were written undoubtedly by Bob Hobb, about the Time of his Banishment, yet the Matter contained in them concerning the Government of Maryland is so far from being to be relied on, that it can be looked upon as the Product only of Malice and Revenge, or the Suggestions of a Mad-Man or Delirious.

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and as we have nothing more at
Heart, than the Love of Truth, and the
Protection of Fairness, to we publicly
Declare, the Oathsworn to be a true Copy
of the Testimonies aforesaid.

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T E S T I M O N I E S

Of several

Citizens of Fickleborough, &c.

FORASMUCH as some Letters
have been lately written from Bob
Hush, *Citizen of Fickleborough in*
the Kingdom of Fairy-Land, to his Majesty
of Slave-onia; and forasmuch as the said
Letters contain several and sundry Things,
notoriously false and scandalous, reflecting
on the Government of *Fairy-Land*, and
highly Injurious to us Citizens of *Fickle-*
borough; We the Magistrates of the said
City, for the wiping off the Aspersions
therein contained, and undeceiving such
of the Loyal Subjects of *Fairy-Land* who
may have been imposed on by the said
Letters, have thought fit to Publish the
following *Testimonies* concerning the said
Hush;

Husb; and as we have nothing more at Heart, than the Love of Truth, and the Detection of Falshood; so we publickly Declare, the *Underwritten* to be a true Copy of the Testimonies aforesaid.

Material Testimonies.

BE it known unto all Men, That *Robert Husb*, commonly called *Bob*, has been from his Youth upwards, a Lewd, Dissolute, and Profane Person, a Disturber of the Publick Peace, and a Nufance to the whole Neighbourhood; and that he was always the most Notorious Lyar in this Kingdom, excepting only, *G——t B——t*, and, his Fellow-Labourer, *George R——dp——th*.

That, he the said *Husb*, at the Age of Ten Years, was taken throwing Stones at the Statue of the *King on Horseback* in the Market Place.

That, about Fifteen, he struck his Mother over the Left Eye, upon which she lost the Sight of it, notwithstanding the contrary was given out, and a Certificate produced by a *Principal Oculist* of the said Cure.

That, about that Age, he Dressed himself in the Fashion, prescribed by *George F——x*, held forth with abundance of the Spirit,

Spirit, and received Thirty Pounds for the Exercise of his Body.

That in one and the same Night, he has been Equipped in Cloak and Band of extraordinary Dimensions at an Evening Lecture in *N-vil's Alley*, and soon after, in a Sword and Wig at the Door of the *Play-House*, fishing for the loose Cattle, or sitting at the *Greek Table*, talking after the Manner, and in the Style of the said Table.

O C. R W.

Testimonies to the same Purpose.

THat in his younger Days, he persuaded his Sister to be an Whore, in order to get Preferment.

J C.

That he was once ordered to withdraw out of the Chamber of the late Queen of *Fairy-Land*, for Discourfing Learnedly on the Nature of a Sooterkin, and being a little too communicative of his Skill in *Midwifry*.

G B.

That in an *History*, which will be published, when he cannot be Hanged for it, he has asserted, That from all the Experience he has had of the World, he shall look upon a *Lay-Man* to be an *Honest Man*, until he finds him otherwise; and an Ec-

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clesiastick to be a *Knave* until he finds him
Honest. G B.

Testimonies nothing strange.

THat the said *Hush* has been concerned
in several Plots against the Father
and Uncle of the Present Qu--n; that
from his Youth even to this Day, he has
been in the Interest of the *Froglanders*, and
was always Tampering with them in
order to raise Insurrections in this King-
dom. T L. R H.

That he sat with a Council in *Frogland*,
to contrive how to Ruin this City by Fire.

That it was by his Encouragement the
Froglanders broke the most solemn Trea-
ties and Engagements with us to the Ruin
of our Trade among the *Eastern* People.

That it was by his Encouragement they
were wont to rob the *Eastern* People, under
the Colours of *Fairy-Land*, and Counter-
feit their Coin, and lay it to our Charge.

That it was by his Encouragement they
came into the River, almost to the City of
Fickleborough, burning the Ships of *Fairy-
Land* in their Docks, contrary to the Law
of Nations, during a Cessation of Arms.

That

That it was by his Encouragement they sent over several infected Cloaths, and other Furniture, in order to spread the Plague in this Nation.

That it was by his Encouragement, they committed the most barbarous and horrid Massacre upon us in the *Eastern* Country, exceeding the Cruelty of any Persecutions since the Creation of the World.

T L. A A C.

Testimonies Undeniable.

That the said *Hush* was the Projector of a Scheme to exclude the Present Qu-*n* from the Throne of her Ancestors, which was afterwards found in the strong Box.

Minheer B.

That he forged several Writings to take away the Lives of some eminent Citizens, and got immense Riches by speaking a strange Language, and wearing *Mustachoes* and *Jack Boers*.

That he encouraged Villains of all Nations and Religions, by advancing them to Places of Trust and Dignity in the Government.

J S. T W. R S.

That in several Provinces of this Kingdom, he took upon him the Names and

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Titles of Persons of great Worth and Quality, and under the Names and Titles of such Persons Cheated and Tricked the Qu—n, and Robbed and Plundered the whole Community.

J C. S G. T W. R S.

That under the Name and Title of *Johannes de Ecclesmont*, Prince and Grandee of this Kingdom, he persuaded us to continue the War against *Slave-onia*, told us the *Froglanders* were our Best Allies, fought Battles to make Commissions vacant, and insisted upon Terms of Peace that were impossible, put Stones, Straws, and Tobacco Pipes in the *Soldiers Bread*, from which Crimes the said *Johannes de Ecclesmont* was wholly innocent.

Johan. de Ecclesmont.

That under the Name of *Robin Grin* he introduced a Multitude of strange People to devour us, commanded the Q——n to turn away her Servants, and drank to the pious and immortal Memory of all those *who would have cut off the King's Head without a Mask.*

Rob. Grin.

That under the Name of *Tom. Ranti-pele* he sh-t upon a C——m——n Table,
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got some Score of Bastards, and left an Hereditary P——x among the Wives and Daughters of the Neighbourhood; that going into *Teague-Land*, he brought away their whole Tr——ry, excepting Six and Eight Pence dry Money. For all which Misdemeanours the Reputation of the Good and Pious Mr. *Rantipole* has suffered, although he is now ready to clear himself.

Tom. Rantipole.

Testimonies of later Date.

BE it known unto all Men, That *Robert Husb*, commonly call'd *Bob*, has been endeavouring all the Ways imaginable, to obstruct the Negotiations of Peace between his Mistress and the King of *Slaveonia*, and has been detected in the most scandalous Practices.

J C. R S. T W. J S. S G.

That he has been Caballing at Taverns, Horse-Races and such like Places, how to Depose the Q——n, and set up her Successor in her Stead, and that there is a *New Association* forming for that Purpose.

D F. T W. J C.

That

That he is continually bespattering her Majesty with Lyes and Calumnies, and writing *Libels* upon her Administration, and in an *Habit* unbecoming his Bulk, has stretched his Lungs, thrown his Arms a-Kimbo, and roared intollerably.

G B.

- That he has declared publickly in *Teague-Land*, That the present Q——n was incapable of Governing, and that there was as much Occasion for a Revolution at this Time, as there was some Years since.

J S.

That he has been taken lately with Pistols tucked in the Wasteband of his Breeches, a large Quantity of Powder and Bullets, in a Band-Box, which he pretends were to shoot Wild-Fowl.

G R. T R.

That Letters have been intercepted, in which he promised the *Froglanders* to sacrifice the Religion and Trade of *Fairy-Land*, and the Liberties of his Fellow-Subjects to their Interest; to undermine the Laws and Constitution, and cut the Throats of all those who should oppose his Measures, upon Condition of being appointed their Viceroy.

J C.
That

That Vessels have been taken fraught with Arms and Money, to encourage the *Froglanders* to invade us.

J C. S G.

These the aforesaid Testimonies, we the Magistrates of *Fickleborough* have produced, concerning the said *Husb*; and our Hopes and Wishes are, That the Wisdom of our *Legislators* will do their Utmost timely to prevent the Dangers that seem to threaten us, and that some extraordinary Methods will be found out for the Punishment of such extraordinary Offenders, as the said *Husb* and his Accomplices.

Signed,

G L. W F. R H. F C. W W. J C. S C.

F I N I S.

That Vessels have been taken freight
with Arms and Money to encourage
the Enemy to invade us.

J. C. 20.

That the aforesaid Testimonies, we
the Magistrates of Fitchburg have pro-
duced, concerning the said Vessels; and our
Hopes and Wishes are, That the Wisdom
of our Legislature will do their utmost
to prevent the Danger this seems to
threaten, and that some extraordinary
Methods will be found out to punish
the said Offenders, as



J. C. 20.

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